

touching and concerning any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Debts, Dues, and Demands, accruing, or being the Right, or growing due to or from the said Commissioners and Trustees of the said Town and Port of *Annapolis*, and Appurtenances, in Right of the said Town and Port, and not otherwise; to which End they are hereby impowered and required to meet together within the said Port and Town, at such convenient Place and Times, as to them shall seem meet and convenient.

AND to perpetuate the Succession of such Commissioners and Trustees, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That when, and as often as any One of the Commissioners and Trustees shall die, or depart the County or Province, so as he cannot execute the Trust and Authority in this Act reposed, One other fit and suitable Person, actually living, inhabiting and residing in the Town, being a Freeman of the same, and such as is capable, either by Land or Estate, to serve as a Burgess, according to the Qualifications expressed in the Act of Assembly in such Cases made and provided, shall be chosen in the Room of such absent or deceased Member, by the Majority of Voices of the Freemen and Inhabitants of the said Port and Town, at such Time and Place within the same, as, by the Commissioners and Trustees as aforesaid, shall be appointed for that Purpose; of which Time and Place publick Notice shall be given by the said Commissioners.

AND for the Encouragement of the Inhabitants of the Town and Port aforesaid, and to enable them to keep Stocks of Cattle, Horses, or Sheep, or such like necessary Creatures, for their necessary Use; Be it likewise Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or Trustees to purchase any Quantity or Quantities of Land next adjacent to the Town Land, for a Town Common, and to satisfy and pay for the same with the Tobacco or Money that now is, or hereafter shall be raised for any Lot or Lots of Land taken up in the said Town, or by any other Money or Tobacco by the free Gift of any Person, or otherwise accruing, to the Use of the said Town, or any other lawful Ways and Means whatsoever, so that the same be no wise burthensome or a Charge to the Publick: And in case the Owners of any such Land be incapable of making Sale thereof, by any manner of Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, or wilfully refusing the same, being offered the full real Value thereof, then and in such Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners and Trustees to cause a Jury of Freeholders next adjacent, to be impannelled and sworn to value the said Land according to the Directions and Appointment of a former Act of Assembly of this Province, Intituled, *An Act for settling Assemblies and Provincial Courts; and Erecting a Court-House at Annarundell Town in Annarundell County, for purchasing and valuing the Town Land and Pasture within the same*; which Act also shall be Rules and Directions to the said Commissioners and Trustees for valuing, purchasing, and paying for the said Town Common; which said Common, upon their performing the several Requisites in the former Law directed, shall create and make a good, sure and absolute Estate of Inheritance in Fee-Simple to the said Commissioners and Trustees, and their Successors for ever, to the only proper Use, Benefit and Behoof of the said Town and Town People for a Town Common, and to no other Use whatsoever.

AND the better to enable the said Commissioners and Trustees to purchase and pay for the same, Be it likewise Enacted, That all Person or Persons holding any Lot or Lots of Land, or that shall hereafter take up or hold any in the Town aforesaid, shall, for every Lot of Land he holds, or shall hold in the Town aforesaid, pay to the Commissioners and Trustees aforesaid, towards the purchasing the Town Common aforesaid, the proportionable Part of the Value or Purchase of the said Town Common, proportionable to the Quantity of Land such Person or Persons holds in the said Town; and shall hereby have Right